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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0706

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON
MIA PROBLEMS

1. USING THE DEAN/SHARMAN CASE AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE, I TOLD FONMIN PHOUMI VONGVICHIT THAT THE OPENING OF CONGRESS WITH MANY NEW MEMBERS COULD BE EXPECTED TO BRING ABOUT A RENEWED EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE POW/MIA QUESTION. THHE FAMILIES WERE BRINGING THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS MATTER TO THHE ATTENTION OF CONGRESSMEN AND I VERY MUCH HOPED THAT SOME STEPS COULD BE TAKEN IN THE JOINT COMMISSION TO GET ON WITH THIS LONG-STANDING ISSUE. IT HAD BEEN REPEATEDLY RAISED WITHIN THE COMMISSION BUT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.

2. PHOUMI REPLIED AT GREAT LENGTH STARTING WITH THE COMMENT THAT HE STILL RECEIVED MANY LETTERS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THE CURRENT RETURN OF REFUGEES TO CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH FREE
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MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES COULD BE RESUMED.

HE NOTED THE DIFFICULTY OF TRAVEL IN THE LIBERATED
ZONE, THE CONTINUED DANGER OF MINES AND DELAYED
ACTION BOMBS, THE THICKNESS OF THE JUNGLE WHICH MADE
CRASH SITES HARD TO FIND, THE MIGRATION OF VILLAGERS
WHO MIGHT KNOW THE LOCATION OF GRAVES. HE SAID
PRECISE DETAILS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HARD TO OBTAIN.
AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE, HOWEVER, AS A GESTURE OF
GOOD WILL AS SOON AS IT WAS OPPORTUNE TO DO SO.
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